

11 November 1975

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Dear David:

I have your letter of 29 September 1975 concerning your senior composition at Allegheny College on the patterns of support and non-support of the CIA in Congress.

I am forwarding some public statements which have been made on this subject hoping that they will be helpful in your endeavor. In response to your request for a meeting, may I suggest that you call Mr. Angus Thuermer, Assistant to the Director, [ ] to set up a convenient time when you will be in Washington so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Sincerely,

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September 29, 1975

Dear Sir:

I am a student at Allegheny College where I am a senior this year. In order to fulfill graduation requirements, I must complete a senior composition this fall. My paper will deal with patterns of support and non-support of the CIA in Congress and the Presidency. More specifically, Congressional roll call votes will be analyzed to determine who is predisposed to support or not support the Agency according to voting ideology, party affiliation, geographical distribution, seniority and committee assignment. For the study of the Presidency, I will examine the actions of the various occupants of the Office since the creation of the CIA to see if any definite supportive trend has taken place despite outward criticisms.

Any assistance or information you might be able to give me would be invaluable to the prosecution of my paper. Ideally, I would like to meet with you (or someone) in order to get a proper perspective from the CIA point of view. This proposed meeting would take place at your own convenience, of course, but the earliest possible date would be more advantageous to my efforts because of the time limitation placed on me. Should you be able to grant me some of your time, I assure you I will be well prepared and organized so that the meeting would proceed smoothly and quickly.

There have been over 150 pieces of individual legislation introduced to regulate the Agency's activities. Only a relative few have ever been brought to a roll call vote, but these failed to gain a sufficient number of votes. Some sort of powerful

coalition has hampered legislative attempts at further control over the Agency. Insight about the makeup of the coalition becomes ever more significant in the post-Watergate era, when undoubtedly there will be new attempts to make the Agency more answerable to Congress.

Watergate has also pointed out that Presidents may occasionally abuse the power of the Office with respect to intelligence agencies. Presidents are in a position to make use of the Agency's potential as a fast-acting operational arm of secret foreign policy objectives. This provides the convenience of bypassing Congress to engage in activities of a questionable nature, both legally and constitutionally. From their perspective, the CIA is a valuable asset of the Presidency which should be protected by the officeholders. My hypothesis is roughly, to prove or disprove that Presidents have discreetly supported the CIA despite public statements to the contrary.

Any literature or statements the CIA would like to release concerning information within the scope of my paper would be deeply appreciated. Perhaps, you could also direct me to other individuals who would be of some other assistance to me.

At this time, let me thank you for any considerations you might be able to render to my urgent requests.

Most respectfully,

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FROM:

DATE 18 Nov 75

SUBJECT: Visit by David Mowrey

SUSPENSE DATE

NOTE: I talked to Angus Thuermer about David Mowrey coming here to talk to Angus and someone from our office. Thuermer said he would set something up for Friday, 5 December at 10:00 a.m. I told Thuermer that either you or I would attend unless you wanted someone else from the office to go. The meeting will take place in Thuermer's office.

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